

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
NORTHERN DIVISION**

**MARK ALAN EPLEY**

**PLAINTIFF**

**v.**

**CASE NO. 3:20-CV-00224-BSM**

**DAWN DEAN, Parole officer, Paragould**

**DEFENDANT**

**ORDER**

Mark Epley's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* [Doc. No. 1] is denied. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(a) (*pro se* party must personally sign). His motion to appoint counsel [Doc. No. 3] is denied. *See Glick v. Henderson*, 855 F.2d 536 (8th Cir. 1988). His complaint is dismissed *sua sponte*. *See Higgins v. Carpenter*, 258 F.3d 797, 800 (8th Cir. 2001). Epley has pending criminal charges in Greene County, *see State v. Mark Epley*, 28CR-20-112, so his complaint must be dismissed. *Younger v. Harris*, 401 U.S. 37, 69 (1971) (federal courts abstain when there are ongoing judicial proceedings that implicate important state interests).

IT IS SO ORDERED this 19th day of October, 2020.

  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE